Voluntary organisation receiving foreign assistance

2351. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the voluntary organisations in Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh which have been receiving foreign assistance; and

(b) whether some of these organisations are not filling their income-tax returns/audited accounts regularly; if so, what are the names and addresses of such organisations and the follow-up action taken by Government in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) All voluntary organisations do not come within the discipline of Income-tax Law. The audited accounts are required to be furnished only by those charitable or religious trusts/institutions whose income exceeds Rs. 25,000/- in a year. The receiving of foreign contributions is not against any provision of Income-tax Law. However, the contributions received by voluntary organisations from abroad are regulated by the Foreign Contributions (Regulation) Act which is enforced by the Ministry of Home Affairs. No details as referred to in the question are maintained by the Government. If, however, the honourable Member seeks information in respect of any particular voluntary organisation, the same can be furnished.

Demand for CBI probe into the disappearance of Shri Dobhal, press correspondent of 'Amar Ujala' from Pauri district of Uttar Pradesh

2352. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand for investigation by the CBI into the shocking incident of disappearance of the press correspondent of 'Amar Ujala' Shri Dobhal from Pauri district of Uttar Pradesh who was known for his fearless journalism and also the demand for the transfer of the Police Superintendent of Pauri pending the investigations; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard as yet and the findings so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Investigation into this case was being conducted by the State Criminal Investigation Department. However, at the request of the State Government of U.P., CBI has agreed to take up the investigation. The State Government have also informed that the then Superintendent of Police of Pauri-Garhwal has been transferred under the annual transfer scheme.

Evasion of taxes by companies owned by Shri R. N. Goenka

2353. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri R. N. Goenka and his group of companies has evaded income-tax, wealth tax and excise and customs duties as found out in the various inspection reports of Company Law Board and also through C.B.I. raids conducted during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what action is contemplated by his Ministry now when the Supreme Court has finally disposed of Shri Goenka's writ petition by its judgement on 21st November, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT